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## Definition

(from Cambridge International Dictionary of English)

### **belabour** British and Australian, American and Australian **belabor**

verb [T]

to explain (something) more than necessary, or dated to hit (someone or something) hard and repeatedly

*There's no need to belabour the point - you're angry I'm late and you don't need to keep reminding me.*

**FIGURATIVE** *The protester belaboured the speaker with insults.*

**DATED** *She belaboured (=hit) him with her walking stick.*

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**tantamount**

adjective [not gradable]

SLIGHTLY FORMAL

**tantamount** to being almost the same or having the same effect as (usually something bad)*The bank wouldn't lend any more money, which was tantamount to making the business close down.**Her refusal to answer was tantamount to an admission of guilt.***dictionary** [Search](#) [Display phonetics \(What are they?\)](#)

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noun [C]

a description of possible actions or events in the future, or a written plan for a performance such as a play or film, with brief details about the story and characters

*A nuclear attack could be started by mistake, and that could lead to the Third World War - it's a **horrible/nightmare scenario**.*

*In the **worst-case scenario** (=the worst situation we can imagine), the whole town would be under water.*

*In the original scenario, he died in the last scene, but in the actual film he survived.*

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The **worst case scenario** is the most unpleasant or serious thing which could happen in a situation.

*The United Nations has put forward its worst case scenario for the war: about 400 000 people could die through a combination of killings and starvation.*

*Military planners have told the authorities to prepare for a worst case scenario of 20 planeloads of casualties arriving in the US every day.*

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